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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The recent meeting of the American Medical Association in Los Angeles was a great success.

And first let us extend to our **THE A. M. A. colleagues in the South the sincerest congratulations and compliments upon the way in which they entertained the Association and cared for the comfort and the pleasure of all who attended the meeting. Especially to the Committee of Arrangements all credit and our thanks are due; every smallest detail had been thought of and arranged for the convenience of the visitor; there were no words but words of praise and astonishment and our Eastern friends have gone away with a high opinion of California hospitality. Some twenty-two hundred members registered and it was estimated that each member registering represented, on an average, three persons in attendance; comment was frequently made that at no previous meeting had so many members brought their wives, daughters, sisters. The section programs were, in most instances, well arranged and full of interest. The attendance at the sections, in spite of the many beautiful and attractive things about Los Angeles which might have served to tempt the members to wander away, was excellent. The reports of the various officers and committees showed more than the usual amount of good work and progress during the past year, and the House of Delegates got through its work in less**

time than at any previous session. The following officers were elected: President, Abraham Jacobi, New York; First Vice-President, William Jarvis Barlow, Los Angeles; Second Vice-President, F. W. McRae, Atlanta, Ga.; Third Vice-President, W. R. Tipton, Las Vegas; Fourth Vice-President, A. L. Wright, Carroll, Iowa; Secretary, Alexander R. Craig, Chicago; Treasurer, Wm. A. Pusey, Chicago; Trustees, to serve for three years, Philip Marvel, Atlantic City; Philip Mills Jones, San Francisco; W. T. Sarles, Sparta, Wis. The place for the next meeting was determined to be Atlantic City; the time will be set by the Board of Trustees. The former Secretary, Dr. George H. Simmons, has served the Association in that capacity for many years and for several years past has been desirous of relinquishing the office. A vote of appreciation and thanks was extended to him by the House of Delegates. Dr. Craig, his successor, comes from Pennsylvania, where he has been identified with the State Society work for some years. The JOURNAL extends to him its best wishes in his new position.

The House of Delegates, at the Los Angeles session of the American Medical Association, passed a resolution commending the new **PUBLIC HEALTH.** Owen bill, Senate No. 1. This bill is a great improvement over the previous one introduced by Mr. Owen, and in all probability it, or a bill somewhat similar to it, will eventually be passed by the Congress. At the first suggestion of a National Department of Public Health, a number of the southern states were much disturbed and objected on the ground that it would interfere with the rights of the states; this objection has now been removed and a number of the southern states, through health bodies and the like, have voiced their approval of the measure. Life insurance companies are taking an active part in promoting a feeling of support of the movement, and well they should, for every progressive measure that improves public health conditions tends to lengthen human life and thus directly effects the insurance companies advantageously. In the course of time this activity on the part of the insurance companies may be expected to counteract in part the effect of the so-called "league for medical freedom," which, as everybody knows, is trying to oppose and tear down everything tending to improve health conditions. When you meet any one who is interested in or belongs to this "league," just ask him if he knows who is putting up the money to support it, to pay for its very expensive news bureau, to pay for the advertisements with which it has subsidized a considerable number of newspapers—and why the money is spent! It is not a promising time for the corrupt interests; people are asking too many "whys." Some interest or interests are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to defeat the Owen bill. Why? Also from some source come many thousands of dollars to support the "league for medical freedom." Why? There are some very fine and well-paid-for brains running this "league." Who pays for them and why? *Collier's Weekly* has had some very illuminating articles explaining the "why."